



2010 Massachusetts Victim Rights Awards

Award Nominations Packet

The Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) and the Victim and Witness Assistance Board (VWAB) are proud to honor those who have made notable contributions to advancing victim rights and services and are making a difference in the lives of victims and survivors in Massachusetts. MOVA seeks the submission of nominations for individuals, survivors, providers and programs whose work exemplifies that extraordinary commitment.

Nomination Guidelines:

1. For each nomination please provide:
 - a. The name and contact information of the nominee, the total number of years they have been working in the field, and a description of their current role.
 - b. The name and contact information of three people who are supportive of the nomination.
 - c. Completed narrative of accomplishments including an overall history of the nominees accomplishments in the field and the impact of their work on the lives of crime victims and survivors (please see attached form) **(500 word limit)**.
2. No additional attachments are necessary.
3. Nominations must be received at MOVA by **5 pm on Friday, February 12, 2010.**

Award Categories

Gerard D. Downing Leadership Award

For an agency leader (public or private) who has demonstrated unwavering commitment to advancing the rights of crime victims and is recognized by his or her colleagues for their efforts in advancing victim rights

Special Recognition Award for Activism

For a survivor of crime who has transformed their experience of victimization into critical leadership within the Victim Rights Movement

Innovations Award

For an individual survivor, service provider, agency or organization whose work has raised public and professional awareness and made contributions to victims through innovative collaborations for direct services and/or prevention

Access to Justice Award

For an individual survivor, service provider, agency or organization (criminal justice or community-based) whose leadership and outreach efforts have made victim rights and services more available and accessible to underserved populations, including but not limited to immigrants, refugees, communities of color, GLBT, victims with disabilities, elderly and youth

Outstanding Leadership in Victim Advocacy

For an individual survivor or service provider (criminal justice or community-based) who has exemplified extraordinary commitment and made significant contributions to improving the lives of crime victims and to advancing victim rights

Award recipients and nominators will be notified by Monday, March 22, 2010 and will be recognized at the 2010 Victim Rights Event at the Massachusetts State House, on April 29.

MOVA reserves the right to assign award nominations to the most appropriate category and to not confer all available awards every year.



2010 Award Nomination Information

Please indicate the award category for which you are nominating this individual:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gerard D. Downing Leadership Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Recognition Award for Activism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Innovations Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Justice Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Leadership in Victim Advocacy | |

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Organization: _____ City/Town: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominator Information

Name: _____

Organization: _____ City/Town: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

References

Please provide the names and contact information for three people who support this nomination. References who also reflect the nominee's ability to create and/or sustain collaboration are strongly encouraged. These references may be contacted to assist in the selection process if necessary.

1. Name: _____ Title (if applicable) _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Title (if applicable) _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

3. Name: _____ Title (if applicable) _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Narrative of Accomplishments (500 word limit)

Please provide a brief narrative that includes the following information:

- The total number of years the nominee has been working with victims and survivors, including a description of his/her current role.
- The impact the nominee's work has had on the lives of crime victims and survivors.
- The nominee's overall history of contributions to the field of victim services, including unique and innovative accomplishments.
- Any additional comments, career highlights or personal experiences.

Please submit nominations by 5 pm on Friday, February 12, 2010 to:

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